

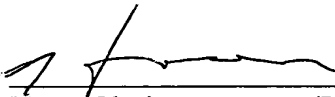
Remarks

In the Office Action, it is required that the pending claims be restricted to one of four groups (Groups I-IV). Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, encompassing claims 4-13. However, Applicants respectfully submit that other groups should also be examined since a single search directed to the term "3,3'-azo-bis(6-hydroxybenzoic acid)" would necessarily encompass all of the claims in Groups I-IV, or at least those in Groups II-IV. For this reason, it is believed that the examination of Groups I-IV (alternatively, II-IV) would not impose an unreasonable burden on the Examiner. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, §803.01. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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